



## SOS – Torture/Burundi

Monitoring sur les cas de torture, les arrestations arbitraires, les disparitions forcées et les exécutions sommaires au Burundi

### **SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 472 PUBLISHED ON 29 DECEMBER 2024**

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 21 to 28 December 2024 and documents cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

During this period, two (2) people were murdered, respectively in the provinces of Cibitoke and Bujumbura.

The report also mentions the case of one (1) kidnapping in Bujumbura town hall.

#### **1. Violations of the right to life**

- On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, in the late afternoon, around 5 p.m., a lifeless body of an unidentified man was found on the hill of Mparambo I, in the commune of Rugombo in the province of Cibitoke.

According to eyewitnesses, the body of this man, in a state of decomposition and about thirty years old, was tied to a tree with a rope placed around his neck. This evidence suggests that the victim would have killed elsewhere, then transported to that place to simulate a suicide, in order to hinder a possible investigation.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of a thorough investigation to determine the circumstances of the crime, identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice, in accordance with the law.

- On Friday, December 27, 2024, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified man, about forty years old, was discovered near the Muzazi River, in Mutimbuzi commune of Bujumbura province.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body had deep head injuries. The body was taken to the morgue of Mutimbuzi hospital, pending burial.

SOS-torture Burundi calls for the opening of an investigation to identify the victim, find the perpetrators of this murder and bring them to justice, in accordance with the law.

## 2. Cases of abduction or enforced disappearance

- On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at around 1 p.m., unidentified individuals abducted a young man named Don Fleury Niyuhire, 26 years old, while he was on his way to the market called "Chez Siyoni" located in the industrial district in the Ngagara area of the commune of Ntahangwa, in Bujumbura City Hall.

According to members of his family, Don Fleury Niyuhire (see his photo below), a young trader at the Ruvumera market in Buyenzi, a native of the Jabe III area in the commune of Mukaza, received a phone call from an individual who claimed to be at the "Chez Siyoni" market. Since this call, he has not been found.



SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the police to carry out thorough investigations to find Don Fleury Niyuhire and guarantee his release.

SOS-Torture/Burundi was initiated with the aim of informing national and international opinion about the serious human rights violations underway in Burundi through monitoring reports, particularly on torture, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, sexual violence and summary executions.



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This initiative to inform about the realities of the country followed the carnage of a hundred people killed during the day of December 11 and December 12, 2015 by police and soldiers under the pretext of pursuing rebels who had just attacked military camps located on the outskirts of the capital.

The affected areas are said to be protest areas of President Nkurunziza's third term, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga, Jabe, the last two being located in the center of the Bujumbura City Hall.

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